

Council of the District of Columbia Special Committee on Statehood and Self-Determination Notice of Public Hearing

John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20004

**COMMITTEE CHAIR MICHAEL A. BROWN
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATEHOOD AND SELF-DETERMINATION**

**PATHWAYS TO STATEHOOD & FULL SELF-DETERMINATION:
POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009, 6:30 P.M.
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 500
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW**

Councilmember Michael A. Brown, Chair of the Special Committee on Statehood and Self-Determination, announces a Public Hearing regarding the political and constitutional considerations of achieving statehood and full self-determination for the District of Columbia. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 6:30 pm in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The hearing will consist of panels featuring current and former Members of Congress, present and past members of the DC Shadow Congressional delegation, and constitutional law scholars.

The witness list is closed, however written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements for the record should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC, 20004, no later than 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

All inquiries concerning this hearing should be directed to Talib I. Karim, Esq., Legislative Counsel to Councilmember Michael A. Brown, by e-mail at tkarim@dccouncil.us or phone at 202-724-8105.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Government Operations and the Environment
Notice of Public Hearing
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER MARY M. CHEH, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

Bill 18-76, the "Public Land Surplus Standards Amendment Act of 2009"

May 29, 2009

11:00 AM

Room 500

John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

On Friday, May 29, 2009, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, will hold a public hearing on B18-76, the "Public Land Surplus Standards Amendment Act of 2009". B18-76 would amend the An Act Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate in the District of Columbia No Longer Required for Public Purposes and the Master Facilities Planning and Program Coordination Advisory Act of 2003 to create standards that must be met prior to classifying public property as surplus, and to empower a committee to compile findings to create criteria for the surplussing of public property. The public hearing will begin at 11:00 AM in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Aukima Benjamin, staff assistant to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, at 724-8062, or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Witnesses should bring 10 copies of their written testimony and submit a copy of their testimony electronically to abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on June 4, 2009.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary
Notice of Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES A
PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 18-69, Anti-Graffiti Act of 2009

on

**Friday, May 29, 2009
12:00 p.m., Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announces a public hearing on Bill 18-69, the Anti-Graffiti Act of 2009. The public hearing will be held at 12:00 p.m. on May 29, 2009 in Hearing Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 18-69 is to establish a new process for graffiti abatement by property owners and the Mayor; to provide that certain actions by a property owner will be deemed to provide consent to permit the Mayor to abate graffiti; to establish an expedited process for adjudication of any notices of violation issued for failure to abate graffiti; to provide for the payment of abatement costs and penalties; to establish a graffiti abatement fund; to provide for liens against property involved in unresolved graffiti violations; to provide graffiti abatement kits; to provide limited immunity from liability for the District government in connection with graffiti abatement activities; and to establish penalties; and to make conforming amendments.

The Committee invites testimony on the bill as reported out of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Lisa Abrams, Legislative Counsel, at (202) 724-4865, by fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at labrams@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Wednesday, May 27, 2009. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Ms. Abrams, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2009.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Libraries, Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20004

Councilmember Harry "Tommy" Thomas, Jr.
Chairperson for the
Committee on Libraries, Parks & Recreation

Announces a Public Hearing on

***B18-0141, "RECREATION ENTERPRISE FUND AMENDMENT ACT OF
2009"***

**Thursday May 28, 2009
@ 3:00 P.M. in Room 500
Council Chamber**

**The John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr. Chairperson for the Committee on Libraries, Parks & Recreation announces a Public Hearing on B18-0141, "Recreation Enterprise Fund Amendment Act of 2009". The hearing will be held on Thursday May 28, 2009 at 3:00pm in Room 500, Council Chamber, of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004.

The purpose of this hearing is to amend the Recreation Act of 2004 to authorize the Recreation Enterprise Fund to be used to purchase food, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages for the general public, Department of Parks and Recreation program participants, and District Government employees.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to testify. Testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per public witness and 10 minutes per agency witness. Those wishing to testify should notify Angel Nix by phone on 724-8107 or via the email at snix@dccouncil.us by Tuesday May 26, 2009 at 5 p.m. Individuals wishing to read their written statements should bring 7 copies of their statement to the hearing.

Council of the District of Columbia**Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs****Notice of Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

REVISED**COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS****Announces A Public Hearing****On****B18-42: Tenant Protection Act of 2009****B18-92: Omnibus Rental Housing Amendment Act of 2009****B18-103: Insurance Claims Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2009****On****Thursday, June 4, 2009****10:30 a.m.****Room 500****1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW****Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, announces a Public Hearing on B18-42, Tenant Protection Act of 2009; B18-92, Omnibus Rental Housing Amendment Act of 2009; and B18-103 Insurance Claims Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2009. The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500, of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. **This notice has been revised to reflect a new date for B18-103: Insurance Claims Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2009. It was previously scheduled for May 28, 2009.**

B18-42, Tenant Protection Act of 2009, would prohibit the Mayor from closing a property for any reason unless he has first made a finding that the condition of the property threatens the life, health or safety of the occupants and it is impossible or impracticable to fix the housing violations using the repair fund.

B18-92, Omnibus Rental Housing Amendment Act of 2009, would amend our rental housing laws in numerous ways. First, the bill would allow a tenant to institute an action in Landlord and Tenant Court for violations of the housing code so long as the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs ("DCRA") has failed to either inspect or provide an inspection report. Currently, this court is open only to landlords. Second, the bill would require DCRA to conduct regular, proactive inspections of each residential unit in the District every two years.

Third, the bill would require that all documents that get sent to the landlord, including enforcement notices, would be delivered to affected tenants, or posted in public areas if more than one unit is affected. Current law requires that inspections reports be provided to the affected tenants. Fourth, the bill would create certain priorities and requirements for use of the Nuisance Abatement Fund. Lastly, the bill would provide party status to tenants of buildings subject to condemnation proceedings in a manner similar to the building owners.

B18-103, Insurance Claims Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2009, creates a cause of action in tort law for plaintiffs who are harmed by bad faith insurance acts such as refusal to pay a claim within 30 days of receipt of sufficient documentation of the insurance claimant's loss. The problem addressed by this bill is the imbalance of power between insurance companies and the insured – under current District law insurance consumers are protected only if their insurance company commits the bad faith offense with enough regularity to make it a “general business practice.” This bill allows an insurance claimant to bring an action in DC Superior Court when an insurer commits a single unfair insurance act.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for a panel. Those wishing to testify should contact Davida Crockett of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs via email at dcrockett@dccouncil.us or by phone at (202) 741-0898, by Tuesday, June 2, 2009. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2009, when the record will close.

Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole Notice of Public Oversight Hearing

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20004

REVISED

CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON

YOUTH ISSUES

**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009, 11:30 A.M.
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 500
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces the monthly public oversight hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Youth Issues. This hearing will occur on Saturday, May 9, 2009, at 11:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber Room (500) of the John A. Wilson Building, which is located at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The purpose of the public oversight hearing is to hear testimony from District of Columbia youth regarding issues that impact their lives. **During this month's hearing, the Committee, in honor of youth civic engagement, is interested in hearing youth's concerns, perspectives, and proposed solutions regarding social problems that impact their communities in the District of Columbia.**

Youth, aged 21 and younger, who wish to testify at this month's hearing should register through Ms. Charmaine Gloude, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Secretary, who can be reached at (202) 724-8080 or by email at cgloude@dccouncil.us. Witnesses must be registered by the close of business on Thursday, May 7, 2009. When registering to testify, persons should leave their name, telephone number, email and mailing addresses, and organization they are representing, if any. Each person presenting oral testimony may be limited to THREE (3) minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Witnesses testifying at the public hearing are requested to provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by May 7, 2009.

Written testimonies are strongly encouraged and will be made a part of the Council's official record. Witnesses interested in submitting written testimony are requested either to provide 20 copies of their testimony on the day of this hearing or submit one copy by May 7, 2009. Written testimony should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004, or emailed to cgloude@dccouncil.us.

This Hearing Notice was revised to reflect the time change for this Youth Hearing. The hearing will begin at 11:30 a.m., instead of 10:00 a.m.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Libraries, Parks and Recreation
Notice of Public Oversight Roundtable
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20004

**Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr.
Chair of the Committee on Libraries, Parks and Recreation**

**Announces a Public Oversight Roundtable on the
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington and the Omnibus
Childcare Background Regulations**

**on
Wednesday May 27, 2009 @ 10:00a.m.
in Room 500, Council Chamber**

Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr. Chairperson of the Committee on Libraries, Parks and Recreation announces a Public Oversight Roundtable to review future plans for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. The hearing will be held on Wednesday May 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 500, Council Chamber of the Wilson Building, located at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The purpose of this hearing is to review present programs and future plans for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to testify. Testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes per public witness and ten (10) minutes per agency witness. Those wishing to testify should contact Angel Nix by phone at (202) 724-8107, and via email at snix@dccouncil.us by Friday May 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. All parties testifying should bring seven (7) copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony, which will be made part of the official record to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, within ten (10) business days of the scheduled hearing.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Aging and Community Affairs
Notice of Public Roundtable
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

(Abbreviated)

**COUNCILMEMBER YVETTE M. ALEXANDER, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON AGING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC
ROUNDTABLE**

on

PR 18-0192 the "Commission on Aging Leslie Swann Confirmation Resolution of 2009"

**Thursday, May 14, 2009
2:00 p.m., Hearing Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander, Chairperson of the Committee on Aging and Community Affairs, announces a public roundtable on PR 18-0192. The public roundtable will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2009 in Hearing Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of PR 18-0192 is to consider the Mayor's nomination for the appointment of Leslie Swann to the Commission on Aging.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Edward Fisher, Legislative Counsel, at (202) 741-0907, by fax at (202) 741-0911, or via e-mail at efisher@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Tuesday, May 12th, the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Mr. Fisher, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009.